

Junior Post-Secondary Planning Meetings

AHS School Counseling Department
Class of 2025



What will we review today?

- 4-year College Application & Admissions Process
- Requirements expected of your teacher and counselor regarding the Application Process
- How to utilize Naviance and enhance your college research and options
- Eric Ginsberg of Solutions Prep will present

Post-Secondary Pathways

POST HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS

Vocational Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chef School- Auto Mechanic- Real Estate Agent- Apprenticeship	Military <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coast Guard- Marine Corps - National Guard - National Reserve- Air Force - Army - Navy	Public Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EMT- Police Officer- Fire Fighter- Paramedic
Union Trade School <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carpenter- Plumber / Electrician- Painter- Sheet Metal Worker	Certificate Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dental / Medical Assistant- Tech Assistant- Veterinarian Technician	Gap Year <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Travel- Volunteer- Workforce- Internship
4 Year Degree <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bachelor of Arts- Bachelor of Science	2 Year Degree <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Associate of Arts- Associate of Science	Workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cook- Bank Teller- Retail- Train Operator

4-Year Colleges/Universities

- The college application process for 4-year colleges and universities involves an extensive admissions review, a stricter timeline, and more factors to consider in order to find your “best fit.”



DEVELOPING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

Developing a college list is important because you can identify colleges you've never heard about. Having a list not only helps you acknowledge your wants and needs, but also helps look at location, cost, majors, and size!

Safety Schools

- When your SAT or ACT score is higher than the average score range of last year's freshman class.
- You should be reasonably certain that you will be admitted to your safety schools.

Match Schools

- When your SAT or ACT score is solidly in the same score range as last year's freshman class.
- There are no guarantees, but it's not unreasonable to expect to be accepted to several of your target schools.

Reach Schools

- When your SAT or ACT score is lower than the average score range of last year's freshman class.
- Your academic credentials fall in the lower end, or even below, the school's average range for the cohort of students accepted the previous year.
- Reach schools might be long shots, but they should still be possible.



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Source: www.collegeboard.org & The Princeton Review®

Senior College Packet

- College Packet (turned in to your School Counselor)
- Activity Form- list all sports, clubs, out-of-school activities, community service, awards, and honors
- Transcript Release Form- must be filled out by both parent and student,
- Student Brag Sheet- provide as much detail as possible about accomplishments, goals, etc.
- Parent Brag Sheet- optional; can be turned in as hard copy or emailed to counselor

Letters of Recommendations

- Teacher Recommendations
- Ask (2) teachers in person for a letter of recommendation- It is recommended that this is done before junior year concludes
- Teacher Recommendation Questionnaire- series of questions to be filled out for the teacher (blue form)
- Naviance Teacher Recommendation Request- Send a request for these teachers on Naviance after you have done the above steps. You will find these requests by clicking on "Colleges," go to the "Apply to Colleges" section, and then click on "Letters of Recommendation"

Naviance

- Naviance Login & Password Check
- Continue to use Naviance to research colleges- College Visits, Super Match, Career tools
- In September, update Colleges I'm Thinking About & Colleges I'm Applying to
- Match Naviance Account with Common App Account- after you have created your common app account, go to Colleges I'm Applying to section, and click on red button to MATCH accounts

Applications and Deadlines

- ❑ Determine your FIRST application deadline and deadline type- notify your counselor and teachers you asked for letters of recommendation once you know when your first deadline is. You should also be aware of the type of deadline it is: Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, or Rolling
- ❑ YELLOW TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM- One of these forms must be filled out for each school and turned in to your counselor 15 SCHOOL DAYS before the deadline
- ❑ Know how you are applying to the college- Common App, Coalition app, or College's Website
- ❑ Edit Your College Essay- utilize the writing clinic or ask your counselor for feedback to edit essay BEFORE submitting

College Tours, Open Houses & College Visits

- ❑ Tours- Go to the college website to schedule a tour. Try to schedule tours for non-school days, but if you must miss, you may receive up to 3 excused absences for college visits. Go to the attendance office before your visit to get the form!
- ❑ Take advantage of any virtual tours/events if you are unable to tour in person.
- ❑ Open Houses- colleges may host open house events that are great opportunities as well
- ❑ College Admissions Representative Visits- We offer students the opportunity to meet College Representatives right here at AHS! Sign up for College Rep Visits in Naviance. Please be mindful of which classes you are missing.

SAT, ACT, and AP Scores

- ❑ SAT and ACT- Students are responsible for registering for the SAT and ACT. If you decide that you would like to send your scores, students are also responsible for sending their score(s) from their respective accounts to the colleges. Please note it may take up to 7-10 business days for the college to receive your scores
- ❑ AP Scores- Students are responsible for sending scores through collegeboard.org account
- ❑ Test Optional- If you are not sending test scores, please indicate this on your application

Scholarships

- ❑ When to apply- You can start applying at any time, but most students start submitting scholarship applications after they have completed their college applications. It depends on the scholarship deadlines!
- ❑ Where to apply- Look on each college's website for opportunities, check your emails from the Guidance Department about scholarships we send out, look into local opportunities like Boy Scouts, your employers, and religious institutions, and view the Scholarship section on Naviance. You can also use search engines like Fastweb, Niche, and Big Future
- ❑ If you are unsure how legitimate an opportunity is, please check with your counselor
- ❑ If the Scholarship needs a Transcript or Letter of Recommendation- Notify your counselor and turn in a Green Scholarship Form

NCAA- College-Bound Student Athletes

- ❑ NCAA Eligibility Center- If you have not done so already, register at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ❑ If Signing a National Letter of Intent, please let our Athletic Director, Dennis Carey, know ASAP.
- ❑ Make sure you are Academically Eligible- Speak with your counselor about eligibility for NCAA sports

FAFSA, CSS Profile, & Fee Waivers

- ❑ FAFSA- Free Application for FEDERAL Student Aid– will open in December; attend or view our Financial Aid Night Presentation for more info, or visit studentaid.org. Many colleges will require you to fill out the FAFSA regardless of how much aid you think you are eligible for
- ❑ CSS Profile- may be required by your college to fill out to determine non-federal aid from the college. Check your student portal after applying to see if you should fill this out.
- ❑ Fee Waivers- take advantage of application fee waivers if colleges offer it; if you took the SAT/ACT with a fee waiver, you may be eligible for more application fee waivers. Ask your counselor if you think you may qualify.